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1. REFTEL REQUIRES AMENDMENT IN ONE RESPECT. THE STATEMENT IN PARA 5 QUOTE ALL OF ONDECKER'S CONVERSATIONS WITH KHMER AT KAMPOT WERE IN FRENCH UNQUOTE SHOULD BE CORRECTED TO READ QUOTE MOST OF ONDECKER'S CONVERSATIONS WITH KHMER AT KAMPOT WERE IN FRENCH UNQUOTE.

2. ON 15 MARCH MS. BECKER COMMENTED TO AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT SHE WAS SURE THAT SHE HAD HEARD ONDECKER SPEAK IN ENGLISH AT KAMPOT. WE QUERIED HIM THERE. ONDECKER REPLIES THAT THE COMMANDER OF THE 20TH BRIGADE SPEAKS ENGLISH; AT VARIOUS TIMES THEY SPOKE IN BOTH ENGLISH AND FRENCH TOGETHER. HE FURTHER STATES THAT HE AND THE COMMANDER OF THE 20TH BRIGADE WERE CLASSMATES AT COMMAND AND GENERALSTAFF SCHOOL AT FORT LEAVENWORTH AND ACQUAINTED.

3. THE 20TH BRIGADE IS ONLY ONE OF THE FANK ELEMENTS IN KAMPOT. CONTACTS WITH THE OVERALL COMMAND AND OTHER ELEMENTS, ONDECKER
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STATES, WERE EXCLUSIVELY IN FRENCH.

4. WE HAVE AGAIN ASKED ONDECKER WHETHER HE MADE IN ENGLISH TO THE COMMANDER OF THE 20TH BRIGADE ANY OF THE STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO HIM BY MS. BECKER. ONDECKER REPLIES NO REPEAT NO.

5. WE HAVE ASKED ONDECKER WHETHER THERE ARE OTHER ASPECTS OF REFTEL THAT REQUIRE CORRECTION. HE REPLIES THAT HE BELIEVES REFTEL TO BE A CORRECT/REPEAT CORRECT ACCOUNT AS IT STANDS WITH THE EXCEPTION NOTED ABOVE.

6. ONDECKER'S CONTACTS WITH THE COMMANDER OF THE 20TH BRIGADE HAVE BEEN FEW INASMUCH AS THE BRIGADE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED OUT OF HIS REPORTING SECTOR FOR MOST OF THE TIME SINCE ONDECKER'S ARRIVAL ON DUTY LAST JULY.
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